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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, General Sciences Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: "Zimenki" Radio Astronomy Observatory Kstovo, USSR

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement CIA/OSI/R-10/63  
(b) CIA/PID Project C 59-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 11 January 1963 which requested a search for the "Zimenki" Radio Astronomical Observatory.

2. All available [REDACTED] photography that gave coverage of the target area was scanned. Clear photography was found only on [REDACTED]

The analyzed photography indicates a probable site that is located on the west bank of the Volga River. This site is an approximate distance of 20 kms southeast of Gor'ky.

The physical plan of the probable site consists of two large tower structures that are topped by a large dome, and five large primary support buildings with smaller associated buildings. A distance of approximately 1500 feet separates the two large towers. The support buildings are 800 feet north of the first tower.

Collateral information from pages 3 and 4 of Air Intelligence Information Report 1467316 dated 9 Feb 61, substantiates, to some degree, the analysis of the photography.

Small scale and poor resolution of present [REDACTED] photography preclude a more detailed analysis (see enclosed drawing).

3. The photo analyst for this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have any questions regarding this project.

4. This project is considered to be complete.

Declass Review by NGA.

Enclosure:

1 - Line Drawing (CIA/PID/MEB-P-9/63)

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